In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (New) A method of folding a bicycle between a riding configuration and a folded configuration, the folding bicycle including a frame having a bearing tube, a handlebar assembly and a foldable front wheel assembly mounting a front wheel, comprising:

turning the front wheel from a generally forward to a generally rearward orientation;

uncoupling the front wheel assembly; and

rotating the front wheel assembly and its corresponding front wheel rearward such that at least a portion of the front wheel is adjacent a portion of the frame in the folded configuration.

2. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein turning the front wheel from the generally forward to the generally rearward orientation comprises turning the front wheel assembly generally 180°.

3. (New) The method of folding a bicycle of claim 1 wherein turning the front wheel from the generally forward to the generally rearward orientation comprises turning the handlebar assembly from a generally forward to a generally rearward orientation.

4. (New) The method of folding a bicycle of claim 1 wherein uncoupling the front wheel assembly comprises uncoupling the front wheel assembly from the bearing tube whereby at least a portion of the front wheel assembly is rotatable rearward.

5. (New) The method of folding a bicycle of claim 1 wherein the handlebar assembly comprises at least two handlebars, each having a corresponding angled hinge, wherein each handlebar is rotatable at its respective hinge.

6. (New) The method of claim 5 further comprising releasing each said hinge before rotating each said handlebar.

7. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the frame includes a down tube and the front wheel assembly is rotated such that at least a portion of the front wheel is adjacent the down tube.

8. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the bicycle further comprises a folding rear wheel assembly mounting a rear wheel and further comprising rotating the rear wheel assembly such that the rear wheel is rotated generally upwards with reference to the frame.

9. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein the bicycle further comprises a seat stay releasably coupled to an upper region of the frame, a chain stay having a first end rotatably coupled to a lower region of the frame, the rear wheel coupled to a second end of the chain stay, further comprising:

releasing the seat stay; and

rotating the rear wheel generally upwards on a pivot access defined by the chain stay.

10. (New) A method of folding a foldable bicycle comprising:

turning a front fork assembly from a generally forward position to a generally rearward position, the front fork assembly having a front wheel attached thereto;

unlocking a front fork assembly; and

folding the front fork assembly toward a frame assembly of the foldable bicycle so that a portion of the wheel is positioned adjacent a bicycle down tube.

11. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the front fork assembly is rotatably mounted to a frame at or near the bottom of a bearing tube.

12. (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising folding a handlebar assembly downward toward the frame.

13. (New) The method of claim 12 further comprising folding a handlebar member of the handlebar assembly about a handlebar pivot axis.

14. (New) The method of claim 12 wherein the handlebar assembly includes at least two handlebars, each having a corresponding hinge, wherein each handlebar is rotatable at its respective hinge.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising releasing each said hinge before rotating each said handlebar.

16. (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising folding a rear wheel relatively closer to a frame assembly of the bicycle.

17. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the unlocking the front fork assembly comprises unlocking the front fork assembly from the bearing tube whereby at least a portion of the front fork assembly is rotatable rearward.

18. (New) The method of claim 10 further comprising a folding rear wheel assembly mounting a rear wheel and further comprising rotating the rear wheel assembly such that the rear wheel is rotated generally upwards with reference to the frame.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the bicycle further comprises a seat stay releasably coupled to an upper region of the frame, a chain stay having a first end rotatably coupled to a lower region of the frame, the rear wheel coupled to a second end of the chain stay, further comprising:

releasing the seat stay; and

rotating the rear wheel generally upwards on a pivot access defined by the chain stay.